

T-679
John T. Ford House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1875

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-679

Magi No. 2106792504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN T. FORD HOUSE

and/or common LANE HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 105 East Chestnut Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Regina Lane

street & number 105 East Chestnut Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 525

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 606

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John T. Ford house, known for the past ten years as the Lane house, stands at 105 East Chestnut Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, center hall frame house faces south with the hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1875, the two-story, three-bay frame house is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the structure is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles over plain weatherboards. The weatherboards are exposed on the north side of the house. Covering the structure is a medium pitched asphalt shingle hip roof. Extending northward from the main block is a single-story gable roofed pantry.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking four-over-four sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. To each side of the front door are four-over-four sash windows that retain wooden louvered shutters. Stretching across the first floor is a single-story, square post porch covered by a seamed tin hip roof. Rectangular baluster handrails span the distance between the posts, and decorative sawnwork embellishes the top of each bay. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced four-over-four sash windows that retain louvered shutters as well. Trimming the base of the roof is a plain boxed cornice, and a pair of narrow brick stove stacks pierce the center of the roof.

The east and west sides of the double-pile house are marked by four-over-four sash hung with louvered shutters as well, and the back of the house is partially covered by the single-story gable roof pantry.

The four first floor rooms are divided by a center hall which contains the stair. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer is decorated with a scrolled trim, and the area beneath the stringer is plastered. A four-panel door provides access to the closet below the first landing. The adjacent rooms are entered through four-panel doors, and the front rooms survive with late nineteenth-century mantels and baseboard moldings. In addition, the second floor has remained relatively unaltered.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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105 EAST CHESTNUT STREET

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YEAR: 1978 VOL: 525 PAGE: 606
FROM: Francis Eugene Somers and Ann Kelsey Somers PRICE: \$61,000
TO: Regina S. Lane
NOTES Begins at the corner of lot 28; run with Chestnut Street 60 feet to lot 30, formerly Mrs. Medford Voshell; 120 feet deep. Is shown as lot 29 on plat 1/243.
Conveyed to Somers by Winterson 1976, 503/637.

YEAR: 1976 VOL: 503 PAGE: 637
FROM: Roberta S. Winterson, PR of estate Herman Paul Kernan PRICE:
TO: Francis Eugene Somers and Ann Kelsey Somers
NOTES Conveyed to Kernan by Reddie 964, 393/296

YEAR: 1964 VOL: 393 PAGE: 296
FROM: Wm. Reddie, extr. for Laura A. D. Davis PRICE: \$16,000
TO: Herman Paul Kernan and Stewart E. Kernan
NOTES Property sold by authority of the will of Laura A. D. Davis 1949, 33/72 and order of the Orphan's Court #9581, 1964.
Conveyed to Davis by Voshell 1959, 353/533.

YEAR: 1959 VOL: 353 PAGE: 533
FROM: Medford H. Voshell and Lola M. Voshell PRICE: \$19,000
TO: Laura A. D. Davis
NOTES Conveyed to Voshell by Gillis 1958, 345/287.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 345 PAGE: 287
FROM: Lee S. Gillis, assignee PRICE: \$7,400
TO: Medford H. Voshell and Lola M. Voshell
NOTES Sold on foreclosure of a mortgage 1955, 326/141, Lawrence W. Marshall to St. Michaels Bank.
Conveyed to Marshall by Todd 1955, 326/139.

YEAR: 1955 VOL: 326 PAGE: 141 (Mortgage)
FROM: Lawrence W. Marshall and Priscilla W. Marshall PRICE:
TO: St. Michaels Bank
NOTES This is a mortgage for \$8,330.

YEAR: 1955 VOL: 326 PAGE: 139
FROM: Hollis H. Todd and Sarah W. Todd PRICE:
TO: Lawrence W. Marshall and Priscilla W. Marshall
NOTES Conveyed to Todd by Shockley 1945, 261/448.

YEAR: 1945 VOL: 261 PAGE: 448
FROM: Jesse M. W. Shockley, widower PRICE:
TO: Hollis H. Todd and Sarah W. Todd
NOTES To Shockleys by Elizabeth Flynn in a title clearance 1942, 252/124 and 252/125.
To Shockley by Hubbard 1911, 160/329

YEAR: 1911 VOL: 160 PAGE: 329
FROM: Lewis R. Hubbard PRICE:
TO: Jesse M. W.. Shockley
NOTES Conveyed to Hubbard by Ross 1909, 155/343.

YEAR: 1909 VOL: 155 PAGE: 343
FROM: Lewis E. Ross PRICE: \$1150
TO: Lewis R. Hubbard
NOTES Conveyed to Ross by Ford 1891, 115/318.

YEAR: 1891 VOL: 115 PAGE: 318
FROM: Hettie R. Ford PRICE:
TO: Lewis E. Ross
NOTES Conveyed in exchange for a house owned by Ross on the south side of Grace Street (T-590) with a mortgage for \$400.
Conveyed to Ford by Edward Harrison and H. C. Dodson 1882, 95/409

1891, 115/319 is a mortgage, Ford to Marianna Benson for \$300 with the lot on Grace Street as security.

YEAR: 1882 VOL: 95 PAGE: 409
FROM: Edward Harrison & Susann and H. C. Dodson & Martha PRICE: \$1200
TO: Hettie R. Ford
NOTES Conveyed to Dodson & Harrison by Ford 1875, 81/339.

YEAR: 1875 VOL: 81 PAGE: 339
FROM: John T. Ford and Hettie R. Ford PRICE: \$1970
TO: H. Clay Dodson and Edward Harrison
NOTES Conveyed to Ford by Miller 1873, 79/83

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 83
FROM: Dr. John Miller PRICE: \$525
TO: John T. Ford
NOTES Conveyed to Miller by Keithley 1848, 61/80.

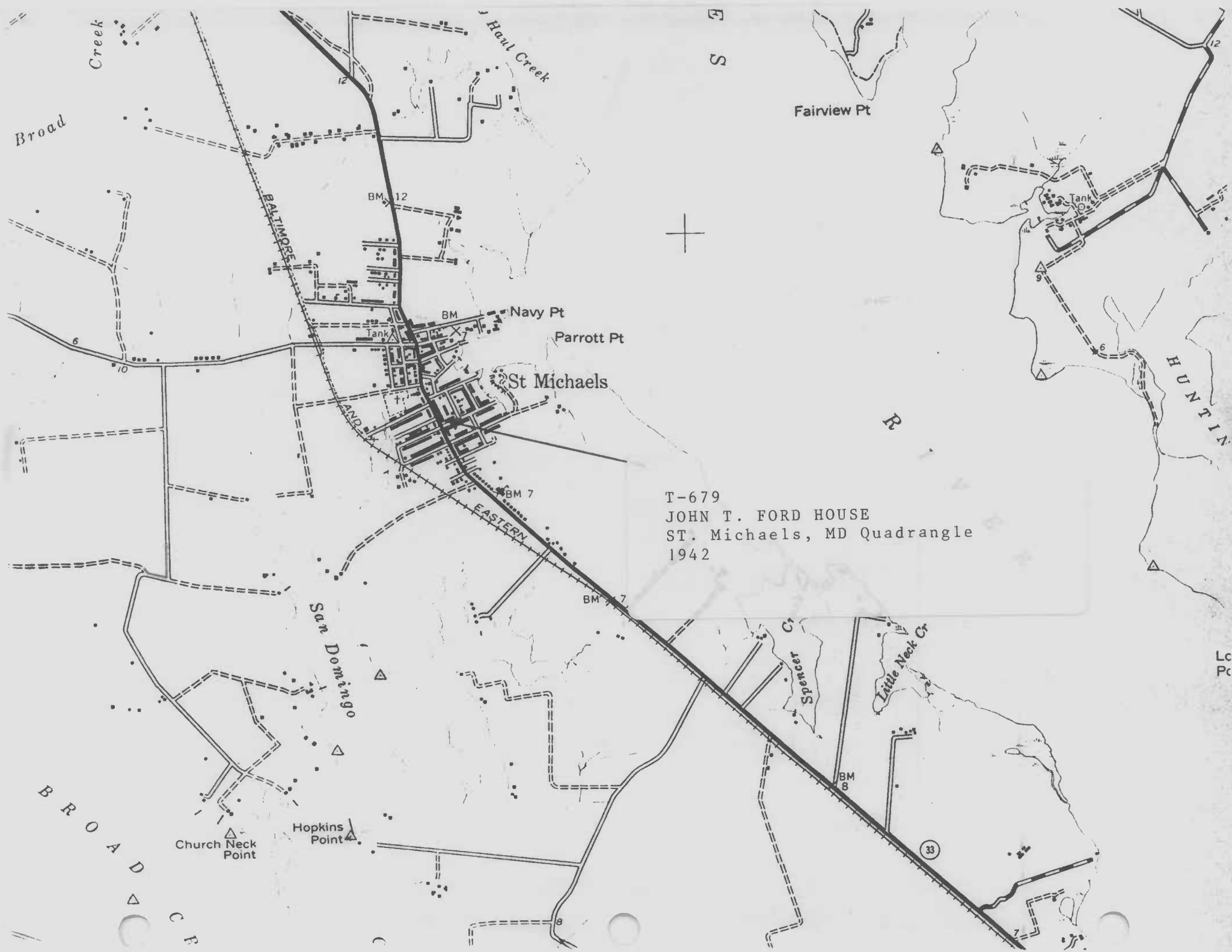
YEAR: 1848 VOL: 61 PAGE: 80
FROM: James Keithley and Sophia PRICE: \$100
TO: John Miller
NOTES Conveyed to James Keithley by Thomas Keithley 1813 36/26.

YEAR: 1813 VOL: 36 PAGE: 26
FROM: Thomas Keithley, Washington, Terr. of Columbia PRICE: gift
TO: James Keithley
NOTES Lots 29 and 30 on this deed.
Conveyed by Richard Keithley to James Keithley 1797, 27/197.

YEAR: 1797 VOL: 27 PAGE: 197
FROM: Richard Keithley PRICE:
TO: Thomas Keithley
NOTES Lots 29 and 30.
No deed was found for the transfer of these lots to Richard Keithley by a previous James Keithley. James died in 1793 or 1794 and apparently Richard inherited.

YEAR: 1786 VOL: 23 PAGE: 132
FROM: Lambert Robinson PRICE: p10 cm
TO: James Keithley
NOTES Lots 29 and 30.

YEAR: 1784 VOL: 22 PAGE: 79
FROM: James Wignal, Mariner of Liverpool PRICE: p17 spec
TO: Lambert Robinson
NOTES Lot number 11, also 29 and 30. "Lying and being on Market Street"!!!
Wignal acquired the lots when he purchased all of James Braddock's unsold property from John Thompson 1784, 21/417. They were part of "Jane's Progress".



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JOHN T. FORD HOUSE
ST. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942



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St. Michaels, Talbot County , MD

South elevation

4/88, Paul Touart, Photographer

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